



June 20, 2010

The Honorable Darrell Steinberg
 Senate President Pro Tempore
 State Capitol, Room 205
 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Delta Stewardship Council Appointees

Dear Senator Steinberg,

I am writing to convey our support for Governor Schwarzenegger's appointees to the Delta Stewardship Council (Council). Together, Phil Isenberg, Hank Nordoff, Richard-Roos Collins, and Randy Fiorini bring a breadth and depth of knowledge and proven problem solving experience to the Council's important and monumental mission. The twenty-nine member agencies of the Water Authority, which provide water to over 1 million acres of some of California's most productive farm land, nearly 2 million citizens from small rural communities to large urban centers like the Silicon Valley, and over 100,000 thousand acres of managed wetlands, ask you and the other Senate committee members to confirm these appointments.

Mr. Isenberg's recent experience with the Delta Vision process, which established the foundation for the Council's formation, gives him a unique understanding of the issues that will allow the Council to "hit the ground running". Mr. Nordoff's business acumen and Mr. Fiorini's experience in both agriculture and as a past president of the Association of California Water Agencies will provide the Council with the practical experience and insight that is needed for success. Lastly, Mr. Roos-Collin's expertise in environmental and legal issues, and his proven capabilities at bringing diverse interest groups together on complex and divisive issues – including most recently his success in helping to bring to closure the Klamath river agreement – will bring to the Council the skills which we regard as essential for the resolution of the many important problems it must address.

On June 23rd, the Senate Rules Committee will have before them four eminently qualified appointees. We strongly encourage their confirmation. Thank you for your consideration and continuing efforts to make implementation of last year's legislative water package a success.

Sincerely,

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